

TABLE 7-1 Population Demographics: A Global Perspective—Selected Countries

Country	Male/ Female (%)	Age Distribution(%)			2011 Population Growth (%)	Life Expectancy in Years	Literacy Rate (%)	Principal Languages Spoken
		0–14 Years	15–64 Years	65 Years and Over				
Canada	49.5/50.5	16	68	16	0.79	81.4	99	English, French
China	51.3/48.7	18	73	9	0.49	74.7	92	More than a dozen versions of Chinese
Great Britain	49.5/50.5	17	66	17	0.56	80.1	99	English, Welsh
India	51.9/48.1	30	65	5	1.34	66.8	61	Hindi, English, 14 other official languages
Italy	49.0/51.0	14	66	20	0.42	81.8	98	Italian, German, French, Slovene
Japan	48.7/51.3	13	64	23	−0.28	82.3	99	Japanese
Mexico	49.0/51.0	28	65	7	1.10	76.5	86	Spanish
Poland	48.5/51.5	15	71	14	−0.06	76.1	99+	Polish
South Africa	49.7/50.3	28	66	6	−0.38	49.3	86	Afrikaans, IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, 8 other official languages
United States	49.2/50.8	20	67	13	0.96	78.4	99	English, Spanish

The literacy rate is the percentage of people who are 15 and older who can read and write.

Sources: Compiled by the authors from *World Factbook*, <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook> (November 15, 2011).